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Re: Operc-Plater Zone, Reservoir A  
East Donner Field  
Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Welsh:

Application is hereby made on behalf of **NEWFIELD EXPLORATION COMPANY** for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the establishment of rules and regulations and the creation of a single drilling and production unit for the Operc-Plater Zone, Reservoir A, in the East Donner Field, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana:

1. To establish rules and regulations and to create a single drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Operc-Plater Zone, Reservoir A, in the East Donner Field, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, said unit to be designated OPERC-PLATER RA SUA.
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed unit with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.

3. To provide that any future wells drilled to the Operc-Plater Zone, Reservoir A, in the East Donner Field, should be located in accordance with the spacing provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E.
4. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation should be authorized to reclassify the Operc-Plater Zone, Reservoir A, in the East Donner Field, created herein by supplemental order without the necessity of a public hearing if the producing characteristics of the reservoir change and evidence to justify such reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation.
5. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Operc-Plater Zone, Reservoir A, in the East Donner Field, is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the depths of 15,175 feet and 16,365 feet (electrical log measurements) in the McMoran Exploration Company and Lamar Hunt – E. W. Brown No. 1-X Well, located in Section 52, Township 16 South, Range 15 East, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

Pertinent data, including well logs, may be obtained **AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY** from David Comeaux, Leon Comeaux & Associates, 305 La Rue France, Lafayette, Louisiana 70503, Telephone No. 337/233-9839.

Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, a pre-application conference was held in Lafayette, Louisiana, on March 18, 2004, at which the parties named on the attached list were in attendance. The conference was opened by representatives of the applicant who explained the basis for the unit being proposed. Questions were asked and answered. A counterplan was presented by representatives of the McConnell Family. Differences could not be resolved at the conference which was then adjourned. As the result of further discussions since the conference, the applicant and McConnell representatives have agreed to support the compromise unit proposal reflected on the attached plat. The compromise proposal adds a strip of acreage along the southeast side of the unit, thereby increasing the unit size by approximately twenty acres. We are not aware of any remaining opposition.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a revised plat outlining the applicant's unit proposal, the conference attendance list and a list of the names and addresses of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties, and Interested Parties to whom a copy of this application is being sent. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such list of parties is being furnished only to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation; however, the list of parties will be furnished to any party requesting copies. A reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

April 8, 2004

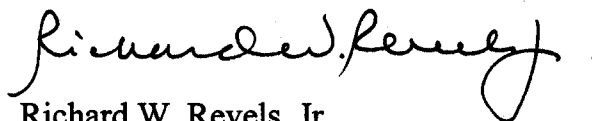
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Finally, enclosed is our check on behalf of the applicant, in the amount of \$755.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

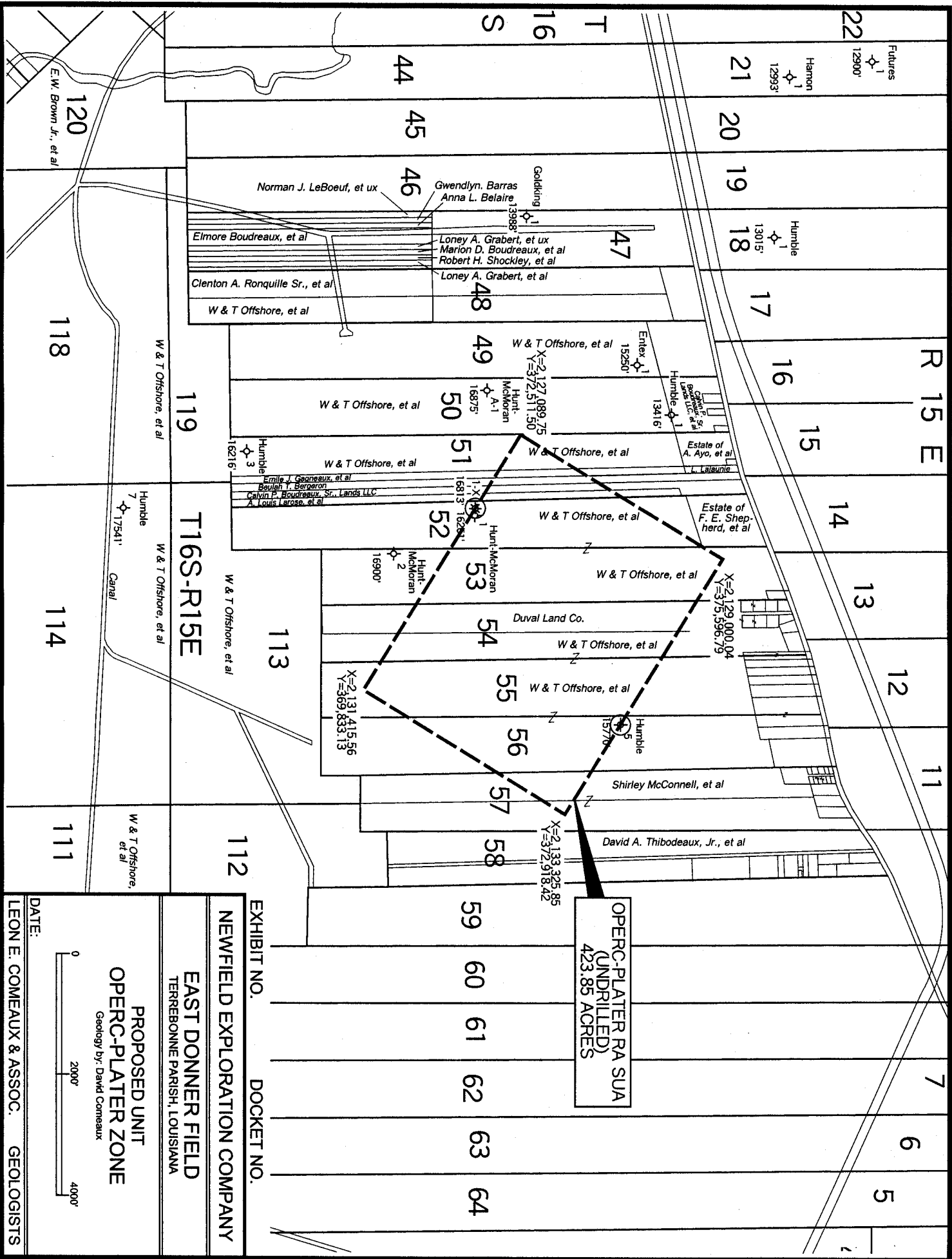
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cc: Mr. Richard Hudson, Lafayette District Office of Conservation  
cc: Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties



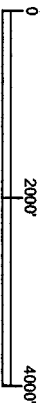
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NEWFIELD EXPLORATION COMPANY

EAST DONNER FIELD  
TERREBONNE PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED UNIT  
OPERC-PLATER ZONE  
Geology by: David Comeaux



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